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I. FOLLOWING IS TRANSCRIPT OF SECRETARY'S ON-THE-RECORD PRESS BRIEFING BETWEEN BEIJING AND SEOUL.

BEGIN TEXT:

Q. WHAT ARE GOING TO BE YOUR BASIC, TWO OR THREE MAJOR TOPICS IN KOREA THAT YOU ARE GOING TO TRY TO HIT AT HARD?

A. THE FIRST POINT IN KOREA IS THAT THEY HAVE PUT A POLITICAL MIRACLE ALONG SIDE THE ECONOMIC MIRACLE AND THEY'RE PROCEEDING TO WORK ALONG WITH AN OPPOSITION
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LEGISLATURE AND THEY ARE IMPRESSIVELY STRUGGLING TO REALLY PUT THIS DEMOCRACY ON THE ROAD. I THINK THAT'S THE MAIN THING AND WE WANT TO LEND OUR SUPPORT AND EXPRESS OUR ADMIRATION AND RESPECT FOR IT. OF COURSE, THERE ARE THE OLYMPIC GAMES COMING UP AND WE WILL BE PARTICIPATING, OUR ATHLETES WILL, WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT. I'M GOING TO VISIT THE OLYMPIC FACILITIES. IF YOU PEOPLE PLAY YOUR CARDS RIGHT YOU CAN GET TO SEE THEM TOO. I SAW THEM ONCE BEFORE AND THEY REALLY ARE VERY WELL DONE, BOTH FROM THE STANDPOINT OF THE ATHLETIC FACILITIES, AS SUCH, THE SPORTS ARENAS, AND SO

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ON, AND THE VILLAGES FOR PEOPLE TO STAY IN. I WENT TO THE OPENING OF THE LOS ANGLES OLYMPICS AND WENT AROUND TO THE DIFFERENT PLACES WHERE PEOPLE WERE STAYING, THE OLYMPIC VILLAGES, AS WELL AS GOING TO THE EVENTS. SO I HAD THAT POINT OF COMPARISON WHEN I WENT TO VISIT THE KOREAN ONES. THEY'VE REALLY DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB BY ANY COMPARISON. SO THOSE ARE THINGS THAT I'LL WANT TO EMPHASIZE. OF COURSE, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT ALWAYS TO REMEMBER THAT THERE IS A MAJOR THREAT FROM THE NORTH. ANY OF YOU WHO HAVEN'T VISITED THE DMZ OUGHT TO JUST GO UP THERE. IT GIVES YOU A SENSE OF A REAL FRONT LINE. SO THE DETERRENT EFFECT OF THE SOUTH KOREAN FORCES, COMBINED WITH OURS, IS AN ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT FOR PEACE. THE SIX-POINT PROGRAM THAT WAS ISSUED, I THINK, IS A VERY IMPORTANT STEP. IT'S TOO BAD THE NORTH KOREANS BRUSHED IT OFF, BUT IT MAY WELL BE THEY'LL TAKE A SECOND LOOK. THE SOUTH KOREANS, I THINK THIS MORNING, PUT FORWARD SOME AMPLIFICATIONS OF THOSE SIX POINTS THAT THEMSELVES CONTINUE IN THE SAME FORTHCOMING LINE AND IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN THE TEXT OF WHAT THEY PUT FORWARD, WE GOT IT IN A CABLE TO THE PLANE. WED BE GLAD TO PASS IT OUT TO YOU. SO WE HAVE A BIG UNCLASSIFIED

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ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP WITH SOUTH KOREA. WE ARE WORKING A WAY TO SEE THAT THEY OPEN THEIR MARKETS. THERE'S SOME CONTENTION WITH THAT, BUT I THINK IT'S BASICALLY AS MUCH IN THE INTEREST OF SOUTH KOREA, AS ANYBODY, TO HAVE THEIR MARKETS OPEN. SO, WE'LL CONTINUE TO TALK ABOUT THAT.

Q. ON THE SUBJECT OF OLYMPICS SECURITY, A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO, I THINK, YOU GAVE A INTERVIEW IN WHICH YOU TALKED ABOUT SAM MISSILES BEING BROUGHT DOWN TOWARD THE DMZ IN RANGE OF SEOUL, AND SO FORTH, HAVE THERE BEEN ANY OTHER RECENT DEVELOPMENTS ON THE PART OF NORTH KOREA THAT MAKE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT THE OLYMPICS?

A. I'M BASICALLY NOT CONCERNED ABOUT SECURITY FOR THE OLYMPICS BECAUSE I OBSERVED THAT THE SOUTH KOREANS ARE DOING SUCH A GOOD JOB OF PUTTING INTO PLACE ALL OF THE MEASURES THAT WILL DETER ANY ACTS TO DISTURB THE OLYMPICS. NOW, AMONG THOSE ARE BEING ALERT TO WHAT GOES ON IN THE NORTH AND THE INSTALLATION OF SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES THAT HAVE A RANGE THAT GOES OVER SOUTH KOREAN TERRITORY AND MORE RECENTLY THE SOVIETS HAVE PROVIDED THE NORTH KOREANS WITH THEIR MOST ADVANCED AIRCRAFT, CONSTITUTE QUESTION MARKS. BUT THERE IS A VERY STRONG AND PROFESSIONAL, IMPRESSIVE EFFORT THAT WILL HAVE A MAJOR DETERRENT EFFECT. THE SOVIETS HAVE TOLD US FLATLY THAT, IN THEIR VIEW, THE NORTH KOREANS

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WILL NOT MOUNT ANY EFFORT TO DISTURB THE OLYMPICS. THE CHINESE ALSO POINT OUT AS DO THE SOVIETS, THAT THEIR ATHLETES WILL BE THERE. AND I THINK EVERYBODY WILL BE

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EXERTING THEIR INFLUENCE IN A POSITIVE WAY. SO I FEEL
THE SEOUL OLYMPICS WILL GO OFF IN GOOD STYLE. BUT,
THAT'S IN PART BECAUSE A GOOD JOB IS BEING DONE AND
PAYING ATTENTION. I RECALL AT THE TIME OF THE LOS
ANGELES OLYMPICS, WHICH WE IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT
PLAYED A VERY ACTIVE ROLE, PARTICULARLY INSO FAR AS

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OTHER COUNTRIES COMING, AND THE CONCERNS ABOUT SECURITY, AND THERE WERE LOTS OF CONCERNS EXPRESSED ABOUT LOS ANGELES AS A CITY THAT'S VERY OPEN AND DIFFICULT TO CONTROL, AND SO ON. BUT A GOOD JOB WAS DONE. A BIG DETERRENT EFFORT WAS MADE AND THERE WAS NO SINGLE INCIDENT, NOT ONE, IN THE LOS ANGELES OLYMPICS. SO, I'M NOT CONCERNED. AND THE REASON IS THAT I KNOW THERE IS A LOT OF CONCERN AND THE DETERRENT MEASURES

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ARE BEING PUT IN PLACE TO DO THE JOB WELL.

Q. MR. SECRETARY, BESIDES ASKING THE CHINESE TO TRY TO GET THE NORTH KOREANS TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO THE SIX-POINT PROGRAM, WHAT, IF ANYTHING ELSE, IS THE UNITED STATES DOING TO PUSH THIS PROGRAM ALONG.

A. WELL, WE HAVE JUST SEEN THESE SIX POINTS AND WE HAVE FOUND THEM VERY INTERESTING OURSELVES. I THINK THE JAPANESE FEEL THE SAME WAY. I'LL HAVE A CHANCE TO TALK DIRECTLY WITH THEM ABOUT IT, BUT I'M SURE THAT'S THE CASE. SO, WE HAVE TALKED WITH THE CHINESE. WE WILL COMMUNICATE OUR VIEWS, OF COURSE, TO THE SOVIETS AND OTHERS. BUT AS FOR THE UNITED STATES' ACTIONS, WE'LL HAVE TO LOOK AT THIS VERY CAREFULLY. AND I'LL BE INTERESTED IN TALKING WITH MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT--PARTICULARLY THE PRESIDENT, BUT ALSO I'LL SEE ALL THE OPPOSITION LEADERS--AND HAVE THEIR SENSE AND THEIR PERCEPTIONS, TO TAKE IT UNDER CONSULTATION.

Q. IF I COULD FOLLOW UP ON THAT. THERE WAS A NEWS REPORT FROM SEOUL AFTER THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SIX-POINT PLAN, SAYING THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD ASK THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN, I GUESS, TO LIFT RESTRICTIONS ON THE ENTRY OF NORTH KOREANS AND TO LIFT THE SANCTIONS THAT WERE IMPOSED AFTER THE AIRPLANE BOMBING. WHAT WOULD OUR VIEW BE ON THAT? HOW FAR SHOULD THE UNITED STATES GO IN CONTRIBUTING TO REUNIFICATION GIVEN NORTH KOREAN POLICIES?

A. WELL HAVE TO CONSIDER IT CAREFULLY AND I DON'T WANT TO RESPOND TO THAT UNTIL I'VE HAD A CHANCE TO TALK WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT AND

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CONSULTED WASHINGTON ABOUT IT. BUT WE HAVE HAD THE EXPERIENCE OF MAKING A POSITIVE MOVE TOWARD LESSENING

THE ISOLATION OF NORTH KOREA AND THEN, OF COURSE, WE HAVE THE TERRORIST ATTACK AGAINST THE AIRLINER. AND SO, WE HAD TO GO BACK TO WHERE WE HAD BEEN. SO, WE'LL HAVE TO THINK IT OVER CAREFULLY, BUT WE'LL, NEVER-THELESS, BE WEIGHING HEAVILY WHAT VIEWS THE SOUTH KOREANS HAVE BECAUSE IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN OUR DESIRE TO CONTRIBUTE TO A LESSENING OF TENSIONS ON THE PENINSULA AND THIS IS CERTAINLY A MAJOR MOVE ON THE PART OF SOUTH KOREA TO DO THAT.

Q. DID THE SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT CONSULT WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT BEFORE ROH TAE-WOO'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SIX-POINT PROPOSAL?

A. THIS WAS VERY MUCH A PROPOSAL MADE BY THE SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT AND THIS WAS NOT ANYTHING DEVELOPED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE U.S. THIS IS THEIR OWN INITIATIVE. BUT WE THINK IT'S A VERY INTERESTING ONE AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO TALKING WITH HIM ABOUT IT.

Q. I GATHER FROM WHAT YOU SAID A MOMENT AGO THAT YOU WILL SEE KIM DAE-JUNG AND KIM YOUNG-SAM AND PERHAPS KIM JONG-PIL, THE OPPOSITION LEADERS. YOU RECALL, YOU'D HOPED TO SEE THEM ON SOME EARLIER OCCASIONS AND IT DIDN'T COME TO PASS. WHAT, IN YOUR MIND, IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE FACT THAT YOU'RE NOW GOING TO BE MEETING WITH THEM AS LEADERS OF OPPOSITION PARTIES IN THE ASSEMBLY? AND WHAT IS YOUR MESSAGE TO THE

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A. WHAT WE HAVE IN PLACE NOW IS A WORKING DEMOCRACY
WHERE POLITICAL LEADERS HAVE TAKEN PART TOGETHER IN AN
ORDERLY AND OPEN DEMOCRATIC PROCESS AND HAVE LED THEIR
RESPECTIVE PARTIES IN AN ELECTION. THERE IS AN
OUTCOME. AND NOW THEY'RE ENGAGED IN THE PROCESS OF
WORKING THROUGH THE VARIOUS MATTERS BEFORE THEM. I
THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE TO, OF COURSE, TALK TO MEMBERS
OF THE ADMINISTRATION, BUT ALSO TO PEOPLE IN THE
OPPOSITION. WE DO THAT EVERYWHERE AND I THINK IT'S A
GOOD PRACTICE. SO, THAT'S WHAT I'LL BE DOING.
OBVIOUSLY WHAT ARE OUR MESSAGES? NUMBER 1, SUPPORT
FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS AND FOR THE SPIRIT WITH
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WHICH THEY, FROM ALL APPEARANCES, ARE ALL GOING ABOUT
COPING WITH THE SITUATION. I CAN SPEAK FROM EXPERIENCE
ABOUT TRYING TO ADMINISTER IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH WHEN
THE LEGISLATURE IS IN THE HANDS OF AN OPPOSITION
PARTY. I CAN GIVE THEM A LOT OF SYMPATHY ON THAT. BUT
ANYWAY, IT'S POSSIBLE. THEN, OF COURSE, THERE ARE
VARIOUS SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES. I'LL CERTAINLY WANT TO
HEAR THEIR VIEWS ABOUT THESE EFFORTS WITH RESPECT TO
NORTH KOREA ABOUT THE OLYMPICS, AND TRADE, SECURITY AND
SUBJECTS THAT ARE ON TOP OF OUR AGENDA.

Q. MR. SECRETARY, IF THESE TALKS ON REUNIFICATION AND
SIX-POINT PLAN DO, IN FACT, LEAD TO AN EASING OF
TENSION BETWEEN THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH, DO YOU
ENVISION, THEN, A POSSIBLE DRAWDOWN OF U.S. TROOPS IN
SOUTH KOREA FROM THE CURRENT LEVEL OF 42,000?

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A. NO, I DON'T. I DON'T THINK OF IT IN TERMS OF DRAWING DOWN U.S. TROOPS. I THINK THE DETERRENT EFFECT WHICH IS IN PLACE THERE BY THE SOUTH KOREAN MILITARY AND OURS--AND THIS IS STRICTLY A DETERRENT EFFECT, THAT IS THEIR PURPOSE--IS NO DOUBT AMONG THE INGREDIENTS THAT PERHAPS IS BRINGING ABOUT THE CHANGE. YOU CAN MAKE PROPOSALS OF THIS KIND AS A GOVERNMENT, IF YOU ARE CONFIDENT IN YOUR OWN DETERRENT CAPABILITY. AND THE U.S. FORCES PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THAT.

Q. MR. SECRETARY, ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT WHAT SEEMS TO BE A GROWING WAVE OF ANTI-AMERICANISM IN KOREA, PRIMARILY AMONG STUDENTS AND AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE NO EXPERIENCE OF THE KOREAN WAR NOR THE U.S.-SOUTH KOREAN COOPERATION THAT CAME AFTER THE WAR? IS THIS A FACT THAT DISTURBS YOU, ESPECIALLY AS IT SEEMS UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT THERE'S ALSO RISING NATIONALISM THAT TRANSCENDS THE NORTH-SOUTH FRONTIER IN KOREA?

A. WELL, THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH NATIONALISM AND NATIONAL ASPIRATIONS IN THE SENSE OF PRIDE AND PATRIOTISM. WE FEEL THAT OURSELVES AND ENCOURAGE IT. OF COURSE, WE DON'T LIKE ANTI-AMERICANISM, BUT I THINK IT IS UP TO US AND TO OUR FRIENDS IN KOREA TO KEEP EXPLAINING OUR ROLE WHICH HAS BASICALLY BEEN A VERY POSITIVE ONE, FROM THE STANDPOINT OF SECURITY, FROM THE STANDPOINT OF ENCOURAGING THE KIND OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THAT THEY'VE SEEN, FROM THE STANDPOINT OF ENCOURAGING THE POLITICAL OPENINGS. ALL THESE THINGS HAVE BEEN, OF COURSE, DONE BY THE KOREANS BUT WE'VE BEEN A VERY SUPPORTIVE PARTY IN ALL OF THAT. I THINK AS PEOPLE SEE THAT, THINGS WILL SETTLE DOWN. OF COURSE, THERE IS A CERTAIN RESENTMENT IN KOREA AT THE PUSH WE ARE MAKING FOR THEM TO OPEN THEIR MARKETS. BUT SO BE IT, WE'LL KEEP PUSHING BECAUSE, AFTER ALL, WE HAVE OUR INTERESTS TOO. BUT THIS IS A CASE WHERE WHAT WE'RE PUSHING FOR IS JUST AS IMPORTANT FOR THEM AS IT IS FOR ANYBODY ELSE.

Q. MR. SECRETARY, YOU SAID THAT BOTH CHINA AND THE SOVIET UNION HAD SAID THAT THEY WANT TO SEE A SAFE OLYMPICS. CAN YOU BE MORE SPECIFIC ON WHETHER YOU'VE RECEIVED ASSURANCES FROM BOTH BEIJING AND MOSCOW THAT THEY WILL USE THEIR GOOD OFFICES WITH THE NORTH KOREANS, OR HAVE THEY ALREADY INTERVENED TO TRY TO CONVINCE NORTH KOREA NOT TO USE TERRORISM TO DISRUPT

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A. IT'S UP TO THE OTHER COUNTRIES TO SAY ABOUT ANY
COMMENTS THAT THEY HAVE MADE. BUT JUST TO GIVE AN
EXAMPLE OF THE TYPE OF THING--WHEN, BOTH AT THE SUMMIT
MEETING, BUT I REMEMBER VIVIDLY IN A RECENT MEETING OF
MR. SHEVARDNADZE TO WASHINGTON DURING A LUNCHEON WITH
THE PRESIDENT THIS SUBJECT CAME UP. AND HE SAID FLATLY
THAT, I THINK HE SAID SOMETHING LIKE, "WE KNOW THE
NORTH KOREANS WELL AND I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THERE WILL
BE NO, UNDERLINE NO, TERRORIST ATTACKS AIMED AT THE
OLYMPICS." SO, WE SAID WE WERE VERY GLAD TO HEAR THAT
STATEMENT. IT WAS UNEQUIVOCAL, UNAMBIGUOUS, AND SO,

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THERE WE ARE. THE CHINESE HAVE MADE SIMILAR COMMENTS
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ABOUT THEIR POINT OF VIEW.

Q. MR. SECRETARY, ON THE MARKET OPENING, THERE IS QUITE A CONTROVERSY IN KOREA BECAUSE AT LEAST THE MOST RECENT BIG PUSH THAT'S EVIDENT THERE IS FOR AMERICAN CIGARETTES, SOME OF WHICH DO NOT CARRY THE WARNING LABELS WHICH ARE REQUIRED IN THE UNITED STATES. CHURCH GROUPS ARE SAYING THE UNITED STATES IS PUSHING A CANCER CAUSING SUBSTANCE ON US WHICH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS DISCOURAGING AMONG ITS OWN PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES. IS THIS AN APPROPRIATE THING TO BE USING AS A MARKET OPENING IN A PLACE LIKE KOREA?

A. I THINK THE POINT IS THAT MARKETS SHOULD BE OPEN FOR COMPETITION. OF COURSE, IT'S FOR THE KOREANS TO WORK ON THE QUESTION OF THE SMOKING OF CIGARETTES. MAYBE THEY OUGHT TO SAY, YOU CAN BRING YOUR CIGARETTES IN BUT YOU'VE GOT TO PUT A LABEL ON THEM, AND PUT A LABEL ON THE ONES THEY PRODUCE, IF THEY'RE CONCERNED ABOUT THAT. BUT THAT'S FOR THEM TO DECIDE.

END TEXT. SHULTZ

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